

[Pelsue, Henrietta Hepburn]

SISTER OF NOTED BANKER PASSES
MRS. HENRIETTA PELSUE, ONLY SISTER OF THE
LATE A. BARTON HEPBURN DIES AT CANTON
Native of Colton, Whose Early Life Was Spent as a Teacher—
For More Than thirty Years a Resident of Canton

Mrs. Henrietta Hepburn Pelsue, for more than thirty years a resident of Canton, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles P. [Cordelia] Howe, Saturday evening, after an extended illness. The condition of her health had been such for some time that death was not unexpected. Mrs. Pelsue, who had been with her grandson, Earl Barton Howe, at various points where he was engaged in educational work, for some years past, came to the home of her daughter here, from Chicago one year ago this winter. She was injured in an automobile crash just before leaving Chicago—in fact while she was on the way to take the train with her nephew, for Canton. Her health has not been robust since that time.

Mrs. Pelsue was born Henrietta Hepburn, in Colton, 84 years ago, the daughter of the late Zina Earl and Beulah Gray Hepburn. This was in 1842, four years before the birth of her distinguished brother, the late Alonzo Barton Hepburn, who was born in 1846. The Hepburn family is of Scottish origin, and the American branch came into this country early in the eighteenth century, when Peter Hepburn, a native of Abbymine, Scotland, came to this country and settled in Stratford, Conn., where he died in 1742. From him and his wife, Sarah Hubbell of Newton, Conn., the line of descent runs, through their son, Joseph Hepburn, and his wife, Eunice Burton of Stratford, Conn.

Her early life after completing her education in the old St. Lawrence Academy at Potsdam was spent as a teacher in the public schools. Later she was joined in marriage with the late H. B. Pelsue of Stockholm and this was the home of their married life. More than thirty years ago she removed to Canton with her daughters and her mother, who made her home with the daughter here until her death several years ago at the advanced age of ninety-five years.

Mrs. Pelsue's home has been generally with the daughter, Mrs. Charles P. Howe, for several years, though in recent years, up to the past year she spent with a grandson, Earl Barton Howe, who has been at times a member of the teaching staffs at the University at Akron, O., Pittsburgh University at Pittsburgh, Pa., and at Chicago while he was engaged in work at the University at that city.

Mrs. Pelsue was a woman of charm and intelligence. She had friends wherever she made her home. She always looked at the bright side of life and was always happy with those near and dear to her.

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She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Charles P. Howe of Canton, and Mrs. Beulah Sheldon of Los Angeles, Calif. There are four grandsons, as follows: Earl Barton Howe of Chicago; Donald of Larchmont Gardens, New York City; Milford of Canton, and Leon who is radio operator on the Oakley L. Alexander now on its way to Northern Africa. On Friday he was sixteen hundred miles out of New York in the region of the Caribbean Sea. Her daughter, Mrs. Sheldon, left the far West for Canton late in the week. Mrs. Pelsue also leaves a brother, Herbert Hepburn of Colton.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Howe home, Wednesday afternoon at 2:00, the Rev. Harry Adams Hersey, pastor of the First Universalist church, and Dr. James M. Payson officiating. The body will be placed in the vault at Fairview.

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